

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method of indicating the amount of data, in particular of characters, which can be entered in an edit field of an electronic device for a common subsequent processing, comprising the step that the available capacity for entering data in the edit field is graphically visualized.
2. (Original) A method of claim 1, wherein the look of a graphic element associated to the edit field is changed in functional dependency to the available remaining capacity.
3. (Original) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changed in functional dependency to the available capacity.
4. (Original) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into several sub-portions, each of which is representing a predefined amount of capacity, so that for every amount of capacity already used one of these sub-portions is visually displayed, filled up and/or deleted.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 1, wherein the look of a text cursor associated with the electronic device is changed proportional to the number of remaining characters, which can be entered into the edit field.
6. (Original) An electronic device having an edit field, means for entering data and/or characters into the edit field and means for processing a predefined maximal number of entered data and/or characters all at once, comprising a graphic element associated to the edit field for graphically visualizing the space or capacity available in the edit field.
7. (Original) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the look of the graphic element is changeable in functional dependency to the available space or capacity.

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8. (Original) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changeable in functional dependency to the available space.

9. (Original) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into several sub-portions, each of which is representing a predefined amount of capacity, and wherein respectively one of these portions is changeable for a character entered.

10. (Original) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphical element is a text cursor.

11. (Original) An electronic device of any of claim 6, being a mobile phone, in particular based on a GSM-standard or UMTS-standard.